

WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

January 24, 2006

Present: Prudy Burt Chair, Judy Crawford, Patrick Phear, Oceana Rames Debra Swanson, Tara Whiting and Maria McFarland

Absent: Patricia Durfee

Also present for all or part of the Meeting: Peter Wells of Vineyard Land Surveying and Engineering and Frank Flanders

Prudy Burt called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Approval of the minutes of the January 10th meeting was tabled to the next meeting.

Map 5 Lot 2.1 Prudy opened a public hearing under the Wetlands Protection Act and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw to consider a Notice of Intent filed by Frank Flanders on behalf of Joan Smith for property at 207 Obed Daggett Road. The proposed project consists of relocating an existing structure located in a bordering vegetated wetland to a new concrete foundation and the installation of a new septic system in the Buffer Zone.

Frank Flanders detailed the project. Patrick Phear recused himself from the proceedings, as he is a trustee of the trust that owns an abutting parcel. The owner wants to move the camp away from the shoreline, raise it up 6 feet and put it on a new foundation. As a consequence, the existing septic system needs to be relocated as shown on the plan filed with the Notice of Intent. Relocating the camp may require going to the Board of Appeals. The filing to the DEP was incomplete, and was not sent to Natural Heritage in a timely fashion, so neither agency has responded to the Notice of Intent application.

A motion was made to continue the hearing to February 14, 2006 at 5:10 PM with the consent of the applicant's representative. All in favor.

Map 15 Lot 5 – Prudy opened a public hearing under the Wetlands Protection Act and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw to consider a Notice of Intent filed by Vineyard Land Surveying Inc. on behalf of Janice Cournoyer for property at 251 Indian Hill Road. The proposed project consists of the excavation and construction of a slab foundation and a 2-car garage together with trenching for a water and utility line and associated site work.

The garage will be one story, stick built with water and electricity.

Based on questions that arose at the site visit, Peter Wells submitted a letter dated January 20, 2006, which was read into the record. The revised plan moves the garage 10 ft further from the resource area (38 ft), adds a gravel apron and shows the location of hay bales and construction fencing to be installed prior to the beginning of construction.

Peter Rodegast asked if there would be any grade changes. No. There is no concern about runoff.

DEP has not issued a file number so a motion was made and seconded to continue the hearing to February 14th at 5:20 PM with the consent of the applicant's representative. All in favor.

Map 6 Lot 3 Meadow project. The board reviewed the draft letter outlining the need to clarify the special condition on the first 25 feet of the buffer zone. The conditions should provide that the native vegetation be allowed to grow back fifteen feet beyond the stone wall in an effort to slow down runoff and prevent nutrients from entering the resource area.

Administrative

Site Visit Day: The Commission will conduct site visits on the first and third Tuesday of the month until further notice.

Land Bank: Tara reported that the Land Bank would hold a public hearing on a draft management plan for the Black Water Pond Reservation on February 17th. The plan will be circulated for review and discussed at the February 7th meeting of the Commission. Patrick thanked Tara for her “no” vote on the plan to turn the South Indian Hill Preserve into a meadow.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland
Board Administrator
APPROVED